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Pink power at Elk Point Elementary

A huge number of Elk Point Elementary School students and staff sent a powerful message to bullies when they took part in the sixth annual Pink Shirt Day campaign last Wednesday, as part of the school's ongoing commitment to being an integral part of a safe and caring community.

Town council agrees to hire EDO

By Clare Gauvreau
Staff Writer

Elk Point Town Council has approved the hiring of an economic development officer (EDO) but there appears to be some confusion as to who should foot the bill for the position.

Melanie Poulin, chair of Elk Point's Economic Development Committee (EDC), requested the town hire a part-time EDO during a presentation to council at its Feb. 25 meeting. Poulin stressed to council the need for improved communication between groups in the community particularly as it applied to growth opportunities.

"From what we've heard and what we've seen and what we're reading, there is growth coming so we want to be really proactive instead of reactive."

Following an in camera discussion, council approved a motion to hire an EDO. Later, Mayor Parrish Tung told the Review that funding would come from the EDC budget as council had the understanding the EDC was prepared to fund it.

However, Poulin told the Review Friday that while she is pleased the town supports the request to hire an EDO, she was surprised when Tung told her the EDC budget will be used to pay for the position.

"Our intention was to supplement the EDO position if needed," she said.

In her presentation to council, Poulin indicated the committee, which is funded by the Town through fees collected from business licences, would be willing to supplement the cost of an EDO "using our budget, too, if we need to, to help pay for the position."

She said re-establishing the EDO position is key to ensuring Elk Point is tuned in at all levels to foster growth in the community.

"We think with all the activity that is happening in town right now, we need somebody that goes to all these meetings and gives us the firsthand news of what's happening in each," Poulin said. "We're not getting that information. There is just no flow of communication for some reason."

EDC member Shirley Harms told council the 14-member committee is motivated and wants to take an active role in encouraging development in Elk Point.

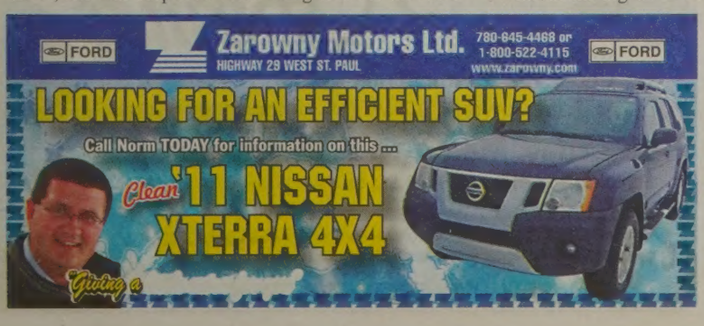
"We just want to reactivate what has happened in the past in regards to having an EDO," Harms said. "Without having an EDO, we really have a missing link and it's difficult for our committee to actually see value in our committee without having that association. It's not just our committee, but also in the community, it's missing that link also."

Harms said that as an advisory committee to the Town, it is important for the EDC to be kept in the loop.

"You may know some information, we may know some information but we're not getting that shared. The growth of the community really depends on the people that we bring in and the ones that are here and working together as a team to get it done."

In thanking Poulin and Harms for their presentation, Tung said, "As a committee you have to look and see are there any other projects that you want to champion and spearhead. Right now we know we are in the process of growth and there are people calling us for opportunities."

With some misunderstanding now between council and the EDC as to the funding for an EDO, Tung told the Review he has directed Poulin to make a request as to exactly how the committee would like to see the position funded.



New president for Rural Crime Watch

By Vicki Brooker
Staff Writer

Less than two weeks after being elected as the 2013 president of the Greater Lakeland Rural Crime Watch, Elk Point area resident Orest Sereda has already mapped out his goals for the coming year.

Over the past few months, the association has been reviewing and revising the current set of bylaws, and Sereda says, "Now the changes will be brought before the membership before being sent to the Provincial Corporate Registry for approval." RCW's fan-out system will be used to alert all members to the changes prior to the next meeting, scheduled for March 21 at the County of St. Paul office.

The new president also plans to continue the effort started by past president Levina Ewasiuk, himself, their fellow executive members Anna Leskiw and Donna Spielmacher and their directors to increase membership and "to remain visible throughout the county." Over the past year, the Rural Crime Watch float appeared in parades and the association set up information booths at a number of events, ranging from the Stoney Lake Rodeo to community information nights in St. Paul and Elk Point, with the result of adding new members at each event.

Sereda feels it is extremely important "to maintain the great rapport between Rural Crime Watch and the RCMP. We have a new Staff Sergeant in St. Paul, plus new liaisons in both Elk Point and St. Paul detachments," and he looks forward to working with both detachments.

Other goals include sending representation to the provincial Rural Crime Watch annual meeting, expanding the local group's programs and "having interesting topics and speakers at our regular meetings" to encourage members to attend and get involved, Sereda says.

YOUNG CRIME WATCHER HONOURED - Greater Lakeland Rural Crime Watch Association president Orest Sereda presents Elk Point Elementary School student Maja Harms with a $30 cash prize for third place in the Grade 3 division of the 2013 provincial Rural Crime Watch poster contest, while Cpl. Roy Auger of Elk Point RCMP and her Grade 3 art teacher, Don Buryn, add their congratulations.

Signage, local newspapers and telephone fan-outs will all play a role in keeping Greater Lakeland area residents "aware that we, the public, are 'watching,' for we are 'the eyes and ears for the RCMP'."

Sereda, who moved up from the vice president's chair he held last year, and longtime RCW treasurer Anna Leskiw are joined on this year's executive by one of the new members, Wray McCoy, as vice president, and Sereda's wife Darlene, who took on the role of secretary. The former president and secretary, along with member Lyn Young, were appointed as directors.

The elections were conducted at Greater Lakeland's rescheduled annual meeting on Feb. 21 in St. Paul, where outgoing president Levina Ewasiuk reported on a successful past year, with the group "involved in lots of activities" and gaining 20 new members, thanks to the efforts of the volunteers.

One item of ongoing business had not been completed, this being the official name change of the organization to 'The Greater Lakeland Rural Crime Watch Association,' and a motion was passed unanimously at the AGM to make the change.

Guest speaker at the annual meeting was provincial RCW Zone 4 director Connie Newgard, who explained the duties of a zone director, which include attending six meetings a year. She also discussed the willingness of members to help the RCMP prevent crime in rural areas, and suggested that rural crime watch groups should send the minutes from their meetings to local RCMP detachments to keep them informed. Newgard reported that 29 associations were represented by 140 delegates at this year's provincial annual meeting in Olds, and noted that next year's AGM will be in Stony Plain from Feb. 7 to 9.

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Town council briefs

By Clare Gauvreau
Staff Writer

Elk Point Town Council signed off on a 2013 joint agreement with the County of St. Paul regarding the operation of its transfer station at its Fed. 25 meeting.

The Town and County share the cost equally for the operation of the transfer station. The Town provides all operational services for the facility including maintaining the site, roads, fencing and manning the site two days a week.

The 2013 operating budget for the transfer station amount to $109,000.

Affordable Housing

Council gave its approval to a letter of support to be sent from the Town of Elk Point to Municipal Affairs for a proposed affordable housing development initiative in the community. Mayor Parrish Tung said he had been contacted by a private Edmonton developer looking to build an affordable housing project in Elk Point asking for the Town's support.

"The group has already bought some land here and they told me they are interested in doing affordable housing," Tung told council. He said the letter would simply indicate the Town's support of an affordable housing initiative and goes no further than that. It would be up to the developer to seek the provincial government's support in terms of accessing affordable housing initiative opportunities.

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'Mr. Wiiiilson' honoured at roast

By Vicki Brooker
Staff Writer

What was billed as a roast turned out to be more of a toast, a testament to the huge impact Laverne Wilson has had on students, fellow teachers and administrators, and the communities in which he has been an integral part over the years.

Heinsburg Community School hosted the Laverne Wilson Roast on Friday evening as a fundraiser for school programming, principal Rob MacDonald said as he welcomed the sellout crowd. "A lot of good things happen in this building, and we want to get the Heinsburg and Frog Lake communities involved in the school."

After feasting on a tremendous beef dinner and a dessert buffet fit for a resort hotel, all prepared by a team of staff and students coordinated by Marie Zayac, the audience sat back to enjoy the program, which started with a special song for the guest of honour. Local musicians Vernon 'Babe' Sharkey and Keith Dawson accompanied Grace Meger as she sang her adaptation of "Diggin' Up Bones," incorporating tidbits of Wilson's life, and her original tribute to the "Laurier Lake Pines." After a couple of old-time favourite instrumentals, Dawson pumped up the tempo for a Buddy Holly solo or two.

Longtime friend Fritz Younghans was first on the roasting roster, recalling hockey and ball games, farm work, a skinny dip in Laurier Lake and numerous pranks. "With friends like that, who needs enemies?" he joked.

A much younger friend was next up to bat: Dennell Anderson, who took over the presidency of Elk Point Minor Ball from Wilson a few years ago, with some trepidation about her abilities to follow in his footsteps. "He taught me to relax, to be patient and to be confident that everything will work out. We wouldn't have the minor ball program we have today without Mr. Wilson and his sidekick, Doug Bassett. He's always coaching, managing or umpiring, sometimes all three in the same day. Last year he coached the peewee girls, when no one else wanted to. He floats the diamonds. He always puts the organization first." She thanked his wife, Doris, "for putting up with us," and also harked back to her childhood, noting that Wilson "was the best school bus driver. We were always on time." With Wilson scheduled to be away on holidays when this year's ball season starts, Anderson begged for his Skype address, sure that she will need a pep talk or two and some advice from the expert to get things underway.

Parrish Tung recalled Wilson hiring him to teach in Heinsburg, "because I'm a fast driver. We were being interviewed in St. Paul and went to Heinsburg to take a look at the school. I was the first one back," he joked. "I don't know how to pick on him," Tung lamented. "There's a whole table of former Heinsburg staff back there and we all learned from Laverne."

St. Paul Education Regional Division No. 1 trustee Darrell Younghans said, "the likeable guy we all know" is a longtime family friend, "and I was once his boss' boss."

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TELLING TALES IN SCHOOL - Longtime friend Fritz Younghans recounts tales of days long past as Laverne and Doris Wilson share a chuckle... and maybe wonder what's coming next.

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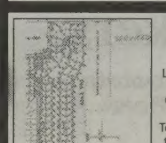

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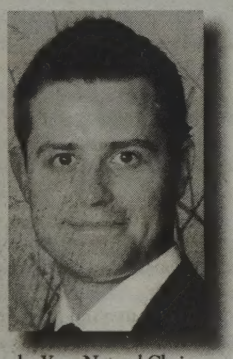

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With the theme "Providing more healthcare than you know: Ask a pharmacist", the event highlights the need for patients to keep a close connection with their pharmacists. Even if they are not precisely on the front lines of medical care, these professionals are integral players in the health and wellness of Canadians. In fact, a recent Gallup poll shows that people rate pharmacists among the most trusted professionals, a consistent top-three choice along with nurses and physicians.

Nova Scotia pharmacist Karen Fraser, of Amherst's Cumberland Regional Health Care Centre, has developed a system that will help pharmacists give the best care possible to their clients. Fraser explains, "I think people everywhere should be reminded of how important it is to be their own best advocate for their medication regime."

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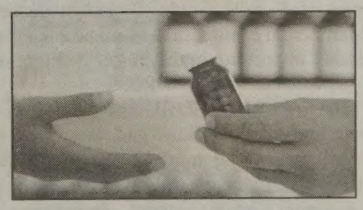

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Editorial

Rural eyes reopened

Rural Crime Watch has often been described as being "extra eyes for the RCMP", but until about 20 months ago, those eyes in this area had long drooped shut as the Greater Lakeland Rural Crime Watch took a long, all-season nap.

Once the group was startled awake by a local home invasion, however, things started to happen, and the well-rested membership and a number of new additions to it have gained new momentum in their efforts to make the area a safer place to live and thrive. The RCW is now much more visible, more vocal and certainly more active than it has been for many years.

The Elk Point area even has a local student on the winners' list of last year's provincial poster contest, which shows a new generation of eyes is also beginning to take on the role of partners in crime prevention. Congratulations!

Way Back When...

Duck and diva, overtime speak-off, answer seekers

Here's the news that made the headlines of the Lakeland Review and Elk Point Review for the week of March 5 in...

1988

The Mayor's Dinner Theatre, featuring the Leave it to Jane theatre group, a locally raised duck and future opera star Iren Bartok, was a huge success as a fundraiser for a youth drop-in centre. New chamber of commerce president Gordon LeDrew was sworn in by Alberta Chamber past president Al Hearst at the chamber AGM/

1993

Elk Point Scouting Association celebrated helping others at their annual Family Scouting Banquet, where Beavers Derek Thornton, Grayson Bilak and Geoffrey Kreek won the cake decorating contest. MLA John Drobot announced that he would not seek another term in the legislature, when he was in Elk Point to present Canada's 125 Anniversary commemorative medals to Sid Holthe, Bob Bachelet, Paul Stepa and Vicki Brooker.

1998

Elk Point 4-H Multi Club's annual public speaking competition went into overtime as a second round of impromptus were needed to break a tie in the senior division, giving Michelle Leckie second place over James Babenek, with Peter Danyluk the senior winner, Leanne Ference first and Colin Ference second in the juniors. Exchange students from St.-Romuald, PQ received a warm welcome at F. G. Miller High School.

2003

Speakers entertained and informed at Elk Point 4-H Multi Club's speak-off, with Amanda Zapesocki, Chelsea Schnurer and Janice Tymofichuk taking home first place trophies .Elk Point's schools had exceptional report cards, with Grade 12 students achieving the best departmental exam results ever and Elk Point Elementary steadily improving in the Fraser Institute report.

2008

The Iron Horse Trail was praised as "a model of community cooperation" and was "well on its way to becoming a major tourist attraction," Election forums drew answer-seeking crowds to Heinsburg and Elk Point as Liberal Alex Broadbent, Progressive Conservative Ray Danyluk and NDP Della Drury vied for the Lac La Biche – St. Paul seat in the provincial election.

Guest Column

Spring ahead

deanna **EASTHOPE**
from the FCSS desk

Remember this coming Sunday, March 10 is "Daylight Savings Time". Everyone will need to move their clocks ahead one hour. The key phrase is "Spring Ahead". If your children have problem understanding the phrase "Spring Ahead", there is a Mother Goose rhyme that might help their understanding. It is called "Jack be nimble".

"Jack be nimble, Jack be quick,
Jack jump over the candlestick."

Actually, the familiar figure of Mother Goose is an imaginary author of a collection of fairy tales and nursery rhymes which are often published as Mother Goose Rhymes. So to carry the imagination forward, let us look at how the rhyme "Jack be Nimble" will help our children to associate with moving clocks forward by one hour. Jack is jumping over a candlestick and at one time candles operated as a main source of light. So if you imagine one candle represents each hour of the twenty-four hour day, Jack then jumps over one candle therefore cancelling one hour that is left. Oh dear! Maybe this imagination is a little too complicated. Actually, there is something else about jumping over candlesticks. It was a form of fortune telling and a sport. Good luck was said to be signaled by clearing a candle without extinguishing the flame. The most commonly agreed origin for the Jack be nimble rhyme is the connection to Black Jack, an English pirate who was notorious for escaping from the authorities in the late 16th century hence Jack be nimble… The words of the Jack be nimble rhyme cannot be further analyzed due to the brevity of the text of the lyrics but could be associated with the old tradition and sport of 'candle leaping' which used to be practiced at some English fairs. Say, maybe we can say we will experience good luck by springing (jumping) our clocks ahead one hour. It is a thought.

Speaking of candles, did you know that some employers only allowed the use of candles during the darkest months of the year and it was known as the candle season? Hence candles were not needed during the days of more daylight. Therefore, workers could work longer under 'natural light' at less cost to the employers.

If you are not into the Mother Goose rhyme of Jack be nimble, or the debate about the cost of candles, let us look at the science of Daylight Saving Time (DST). Daylight Saving Time is the practice of turning the clock ahead as warmer weather approaches and back as it becomes colder again so that people will have one more hour of daylight in the afternoon and evening during the warmer season of the year. (Some believe that it should be called Daylight Shifting Time because no daylight is actually "saved.") Daylight Saving Time varies somewhat from country to country. Countries in equatorial and tropical climates do not observe Daylight Saving Time. The months when the clock is set ahead and back differ between northern and southern hemispheres. The U.S. Energy Policy Act of 2005 mandated changes to Daylight Saving Time, extending it three weeks earlier in the spring and one week later in the fall. Starting March 11, 2007 clocks spring ahead an hour on the second Sunday in March and fall back on the first Sunday in November. The assumption behind the change was that it would decrease the need for artificial light sources and, as a result, save energy. (O.K., this is not a new idea!)

I hope all these thoughts will help you to remember to move your clocks one hour ahead this coming Sunday. I have another thought. There is a Mother Goose rhyme that will help you move your clocks back one hour this coming November. It is:

"Jack and Jill went up the hill
To fetch a pail of water
Jack fell down and broke his crown
And Jill came tumbling after. …. "

So why did Jack fall down? It can be imagined he didn't have enough daylight to see the hill. Therefore he should have turned his clock back one hour before he went up the hill and went up the hill one hour before he did. So there you go. Rhymes can help us remember. Anyway …"spring ahead", "move your clocks one hour ahead" this Sunday.

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Thieves caught in act

On March 1, Vermilion RCMP responded to a complaint of a suspicious vehicle on an oilfield work site near Clandonald. Two males were caught on site in the act of stealing copper wire and batteries and arrested.

Subsequent investigation lead to the execution of a search warrant in Dewberry, where officers recovered a large amount of oilfield-related equipment including ATVs, trailers, snowmobiles, aviation equipment, tools, industrial electronics and laptops. It is estimated the value of the recovered property will exceed $250,000, according to an RCMP press release.

Investigators also found evidence of copper wire being stripped and cut to be sold for scrap. Demands for copper in manufacturing have increased and the consequent increase in its value has meant copper wire thefts have become commonplace, according to the RCMP report.

Two Dewberry men have been charged with numerous property related offences and will appear in court March 19.

"As oil and gas exploration and drilling has increased in north-east Alberta, the number of thefts from oilfield work sites in the Vermilion, Elk Point and Kitscoty area has increased exponentially," the news release states. "The RCMP have worked closely with the oil and gas industry to ensure their assets are safeguarded. These arrests demonstrate the value of that cooperation."

The public is reminded to report suspicious activity in their neighbourhood by contacting their local RCMP Detachment or call Crimestoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477)

Town council briefs

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"I believe based on all the tightness of housing and pricing of housing it may be a good avenue for us to explore, especially as there is not cost to us, just a letter," Tung said.

Council unanimously agreed to provide the letter.

Nursing shortage

Council approved providing a $16,000 living assistance incentive to assist in the recruitment of a nurse for the Elk Point Health Centre in an effort to address the staffing crisis at the facility. While Tung said the recent re-opening of two acute care beds at the facility was a step in the right direction, he stressed it is only "baby steps" and the community needs to remain actively involved in the situation.

Tung indicated that while actual hiring of nurses is the responsibility of Alberta Health Services, the Town can participate in the recruitment process by advertising that they are offering a living allowance incentive.

"Is there going to be a problem with the existing nurses in the hospital," questioned Coun. Dwayne Yaremkevich, expressing concern that council would be offering something to new staff which isn't available to existing staff.

"No matter what you do supporting this person you're not supporting those five, so no matter what you do it could be a problem," CAO Myron Goyan said.

"I think they realize it's a crisis situation," Coun. Bernice Capjack noted of the current staff. "They've been working overtime, now they've been told they can't work any more overtime. There's a lot of things that have come up so they are all aware of the situation."

"A newcomer coming here faces a lot of barriers of isolation, a lot of barriers of being a long way from home, maybe on another continent from their family, so if the current staff come whining, I'm on the physician recruitment committee, so I'll set them straight," Coun. Eugene Buck said. He added that while he recognized the concerns and that "no good deed goes unpunished," he supported offering the incentive given the crisis situation.

Tung noted the County of St. Paul has provided $5,000 to assist with recruiting staff. He asked and received the council's support to allocate $5,000 to advertising the incentive package.

"Without having a guarantee that they are going to hire a nurse that we recruit I don't see the purpose of all the rest of it," Ron Fraess said.

Tung said that ultimately it is Alberta Health Services that makes the decision on staff and there's little the Town can do about that other than offer an incentive that makes moving to Elk Point to work at the hospital more attractive.

Equipment purchase

Council agreed to the purchase of a Hosty steamer for $17,500 to be used for thawing lines and culverts as required.

Request tabled

Council tabled a request from a local businessman seeking an amendment to the zoning bylaw to allow employees to be housed in the same building as the business.

In a letter from Tim Havener of Havener Holdings Ltd., council was asked to give consideration to the request that would enable him to house foreign workers in his business premises.

"With this amendment it will give the downtown businesses in Elk Point another option to bring in employees needed to operate their businesses to their full potential," the letter stated.

Administration expressed concern that there was no precedent for such an amendment. Council directed the CAO to review the bylaw and bring the matter back to council at the next meeting.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Council of the Town of Elk Point proposes to pass bylaws to adopt the Town of Elk Point Municipal Development Plan and Town of Elk Point Land Use Bylaw, in accordance with the Municipal Government Act.

A public hearing to discuss the Municipal Development Plan and Land Use Bylaw will be held at 6:00 p.m. Monday, March 11, 2013 at the Town of Elk Point Council Chambers.

A copy of the Municipal Development Plan and Land Use Bylaw can be obtained at the Town of Elk Point Office, between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and noon, between 1:00 p.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday to Friday.

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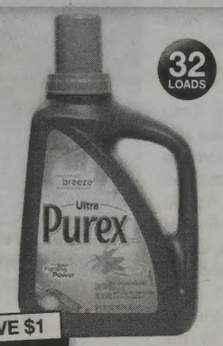

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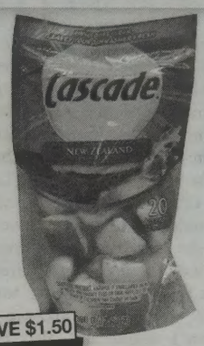

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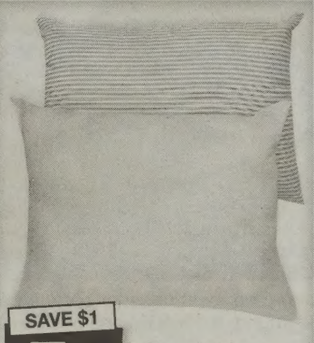

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Sleds from the past show and tour

By Vicki Brooker
Staff Writer

Proud owners of vintage snowmobiles converged on Elk Point's Iron Horse Trail staging area on Saturday, a total of 54 machines from decades past bringing back great memories as well as numerous stories of bygone adventures and more recent restorations.

After giving visitors an opportunity to vote for their favourite sleds and everyone a chance to enjoy a wintertime wiener roast and some excellent chili, most of the sledders fired up their machines for a scenic tour to Kehewin Lake and back on a well-groomed trail and for once, with perfect weather for the journey.

By the time they returned to the Elk Point Trail Riders' cabin, the results were in and the trophies and prizes ready for presentation. Taking home this year's hardware were: First place – Lawrence Omelian, second – Cliff Baumgardner, third – Dale Saruk. The most unique snowmobile was shown by Robert Saruk and the best restored by Jonathan Suvak. Peter Raymond won both the Red Green trophy and the Hard Luck award, after being towed back to town by an ATV. Dale Saruk had the oldest snowmobile in this year's show and also placed first in the People's Choice competition, with second place going to Cliff Baumgardner and third to Jonathan Suvak. Kelly Raymond was the youngest rider and Lawrence Omelian the oldest, while Gary Nettleton won the award for traveling the furthest to come to the show.

More than 50 vintage snowmobiles lined up along Elk Point's Iron Horse Trail staging area brought out a good crowd on a beautiful sunny Saturday.

Cliff Baumgardner not only still treasures the all-original 1972 Sno Jet 338 he purchased 40 years ago, he still has the suit he bought to match it way back then.

Among the most unusual snowmobiles on display at Saturday's show were the 1964 Hus Ski in the foreground, a 1068 Bolens beside it and a two-passenger, wide-track SkiDoo of similar vintage.

Canada Day plans progressing

By Vicki Brooker
Staff Writer

Elk Point Canada Day Committee officially has a new secretary-treasurer, with the town's recreation coordinator Deena Smith, voted in last week to replace Deanna Easthope, who has retired from that position after many years. Committee chair Bernice Capjack offered another opportunity for a volunteer to replace her, but when none came forward, agreed she would remain as chair for one more year.

Smith said she has already submitted the committee's application for a federal Canada Day grant, had it sent back to her for revision to suit the grant guidelines, and resubmitted it. Now the committee just has to wait to see how much funding will be made available this year.

The committee was pleased to hear that a good start has been made on preparations for July 1. An application for a Canadian Forces jet fly over has been made and acknowledged, but as usual, confirmation will not come until just before Canada Day. Fireworks have been tentatively booked, with the vendor/technician still trying to sell his business, and hopeful that a purchaser would take over any bookings he has made. The committee is checking prices and availability with other fireworks firms in case he or a purchaser of the business is unavailable.

Rob Walker and his sound system have been booked for both the afternoon stage show and Canada Day Idol, which was good news for the committee, especially for Idol organizer Dee Pankiw, who feels a good sound system is essential to that event. A number of suggestions were put forward for stage show entertainment, with these individuals and groups to be contacted in the near future.

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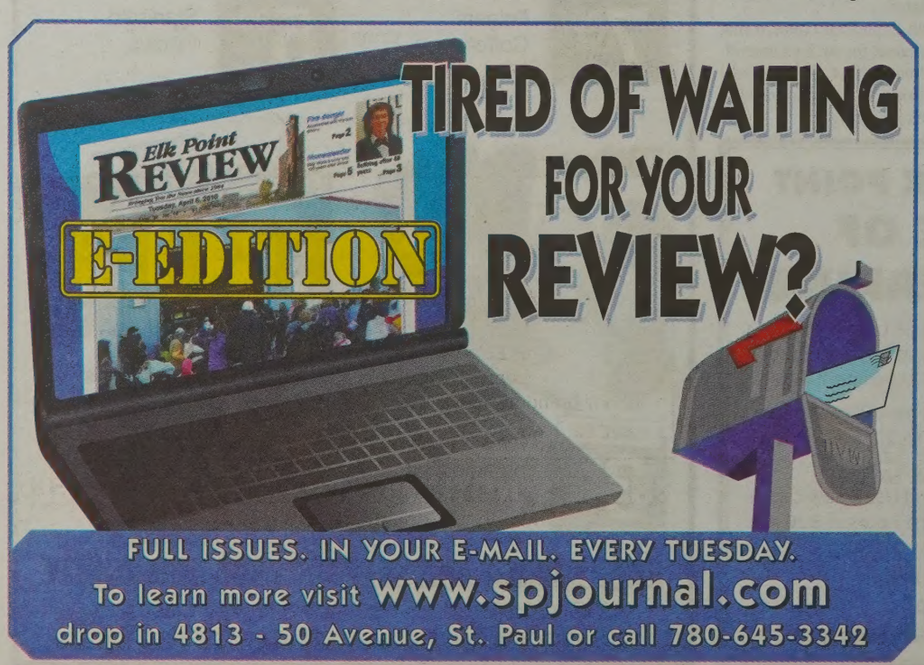

Memorial tournament supports arena

By Vicki Brooker
Staff Writer

"Jim was one of Elk Point's biggest sports fans. He spent a lot of time at the A. G. Ross Arena during hockey season, and even when it wasn't hockey season," Leanne Vinge told players and guests at the supper and social which was part of this weekend's Third Annual Jim Vinge Memorial Hockey Tournament, honouring her late husband.

"The proceeds from the tournament and the silent auction will go toward projects at the arena. I'm not sure which projects yet, but Jim and Doug Bassett made up a long list of projects years ago, and this will help with some of them."

A donation to the Heart and Stroke Fund will also be made out of the proceeds, Vinge said.

Vinge introduced her fellow members on the organizing committee, which included Murray Cochrane, Scott Dallaire, Lana MacDonald and Doug Bassett, and thanked the five team sponsors, Bump Energy Services, Prairie Tech Oilfield Services, Tervita Waste Processing, Shock Oilfield Inc. and Xtreme Oilfield Technology. Thanks also went to her mother-in-law, Rosemary Vinge and her hardworking crew, who prepared and served the roast beef dinner, and to the local businesses and individuals who donated toward it.

As in previous years, the event involved volunteers at every step of the way, from bartending to making the programs to selling 50/50 tickets and driving the courtesy van, Vinge said, adding special recognition for Dino Meger, who stepped in at the last minute to provide DJ entertainment.

One change from previous years was the addition of an additional set of jerseys, Vinge said. Previously, the five teams shared four sets, she said, "and Victor must have gotten tired of wearing someone else's sweaty jersey, because this year, Elk Point Insurance donated a fifth set."

Other contributions were many and varied, from an impressive lineup of silent auction items that stretched across the stage of the Seniors' Recreation Centre to sponsorship of the weekend's referees, Vinge said. "And Jim's good friend, Jeff Buck, couldn't be here this year, but he donated helmet stickers."

"I'd like to think Jim is here in spirit tonight," Vinge concluded, "but… there are nine NHL games on…"

Shock Oilfield Inc. took on Tervita Waste Processing in one of Saturday's games, above; below, the MacDonald family salutes the Vinge family on their successful production of a third well-orchestrated Jim Vinge Memorial Hockey Tournament.

Canada Day planning

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The parade band is also on the 'to-call' list, along with the Elk Point and District Lions and Elk Point Community Lions, who in past years, have lined up and judged the parade.

Children's activities this year will include two bounce castles and a visit from the ever-popular Sprinkles the Clown, as well as face painting. The water spray park is another popular attraction that day.

The always-popular Strength Challenge will be back for another year, but unless a willing organizer is found, the Farm Survival Challenge or a similar event will be missing from the schedule. It is possible that the Elk Point Historical Society could fill this time slot with an event commemorating the 25th anniversary of the creation of the Elk Point historical mural.

It is always important to keep the Canada Day crowd well nourished throughout the day, but so far, only the Chamber of Commerce pancake breakfast has been confirmed, to start off the day's schedule. Groups wishing to provide food later in the day will be added to the list as confirmation is received.

The committee now has a month to make the necessary phone calls and to prepare letters to be sent to an updated list of corporate sponsors before the next meeting on March 27, and is hoping to get a few more community groups involved at that time.

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Peewee Avs going to the Big Show

doug BASSETT
Review Sports

Any time you get to go to the Big Show it's a Big Deal and for our Peewee Avalanche it will be the first time that any of the players and coaches have done so. Just in case you haven't already heard, the Peewee Avalanche won the series last week over Thorhild and will now go to Redwater for the Peewee C Provincial Finals on March 22, 23 and 24. But it wasn't an easy task, and it likely took a few years off some the parents' lives, for sure some off the soles of their shoes from pacing and some of their fingernails too.

This past Tuesday, the boys loaded the gear into the bus for the two hour trip. Blame it on nerves or bus legs or whatever you want, but the game was barely five minutes old when the two goal lead the Avalanche had in the first game was gonzo, the Titans in fact up by 3 to 0 after the first period giving them a one goal lead in the series and looking really bad for our boys. In the second period the boys kept the puck in the Titians' end of the rink and outshot the Titians big time, 20 to 3 in shots in the second period alone, but nothing was getting past their massive goalie, who was I think was without a doubt the first star of the game. Team captain "Awesome Alex" did manage to score one assisted by Nicholas Tucker to make it 3 to 1 after two periods; the Avalanche now only down by one.

One minute into the third, Dustyn "Dust Pan" Pankiw getting a key short-handed goal to tie the series up, but the Titans answered right after with another one. The Avalanche still trailing late in the third, "Awesome Alex" would score again assisted by the "Big O" Brody Odgaard the series now tied and the game going into sudden death overtime. Seven stressful minutes would pass, two of them shorthanded before team captain "Awesome Alex" Hunter received a nice feed at the red line from the big rugged defenseman Nicholas Tucker, streaking down the right wing, crossing the blue line, winding up and sending a wicked slap shot into the top corner. The captain was not going down with the ship, and not letting down his mates, not on this day! He was a little shaky to start, but goalie Darrian the "Dominator" Rybchinsky came up big time in the end, stopping a flurry of shots with only a few minutes left in regulation time and closed the door in overtime on the Titians.

On Saturday the boys boarded the bus again, this time for Redwater to decide the Zone 2 winner, the Avalanche would lose this one by a close 8 to 7 score. Four goals for "Awesome Alex", Nicholas Tucker, "Dust Pan" and " the Big O" all scoring, Hayden "Hot Wheel" Ludlage, "Warrior Warren" Ference and Angus MacFarlane all with assists. It would be nice to win the zone to prove we are the best, but it really doesn't matter at this point, we earned the right to go by winning the other two series and at the end of the day, we still get to play in the provincial finals and that's where we will prove we are the champions, my friends!!!!!

Over in St. Paul this past weekend the Novice played in their year-end 10-team tournament; playing on Friday against the host, they were down 3 to 0 early in the game but started to stoke the boiler and really turned up the heat on the Canadiens, winning by a final score of 11 to 5. "Mic Jager" Fontaine and Luke "Sky Walker" Poulin with a hat tricks, two goals for Avery "Whirlwind" Warawa, Odin "the Wall" Smith, Vanden "Mario" Moroziuk and Dean "the Machine" Ockerman with singles. Josef Theriault, Rylee "the Rocket" Warawa, Bradey Hymanyk, Jadey "the Lady" Capjack and sisters Lenae and "Amazing Grace" Pebbles and all on the score sheet with assists. The Heart and Hustle Award going to the tall smooth skating center man "Mario" Moroziuk.

On Saturday the Avalanche played the tough team from Mallaig, losing this one. A hat trick for "Sky Walker" plus an assist on "Whirlwind's" goal, "Mic Jager" also with an assist, Kobe Warawa was between the pipes for both of these games, winning the Heart and Hustle Award.

On Sunday, the game against Saddle Lake was tied after 40 minutes, but the Warriors on the attack put the pressure on in the third, the Avalanche circling the wagons but were not able to hold them off. Another hat trick for "Sky Walker", "Mic Jager" on the board for two goals. Two assists for Lenae Pebbles, Odin "the Wall" with an assist and the "Lady" Jadey Capjack with a goal and also winner of the Heart and Hustle Award.

Off to work Sunday morning the micro novice traveled to Vermilion with a few good men, only eight skaters in the line up, picking up the big win. "King Kong Konnor" Poitras, Sam "Spiderman" Rogal, the little "Gaffer " Gavin Kadutski, Kade Fontaine and "Bo Diddly" Fontaine with hat tricks. "St. Nic" Penner with two goals, defensemen Cash "CC" Capjack and "Cyclone Cole" Pierce protecting the blue line and doing some awesome back checking with a couple of helpers each.

Some great hockey action back here at home all weekend at the A. G. Ross Arena during the annual Jim Vinge Memorial Tournament. Players of all ages, from 18 to 60, and some pretty talented young girls playing as well. It was a great time by all and some terrific action. To my buddy Jimmy, we all miss you dearly, but you'd be happy to know, your air horn is still up there and has been getting lots of action this year. " You're the best !!!!!!!!!! "

And now for the K.A.Campbell quote of the week. "I'm exhausted trying to stay healthy." Last week's answer to: "I played everything. I played lacrosse, baseball, hockey, soccer, track and field. I was a big believer that you played hockey in the winter and when the season was over you hung up your skates and you played something else. "- Wayne Gretzky. Have a sports scoop? Now you can email them to sportshound007@hotmail.com

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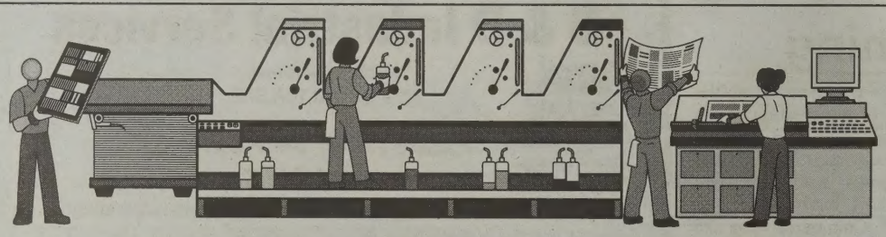

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World Day of Prayer recognized

By Clare Gauvreau
Staff Writer

Members of five Elk Point area congregations gathered at the United Church Sunday afternoon in observance of the World Day of Prayer.

In welcoming everyone to the special service, mistress of ceremonies Shirley Kvill said the group would be adding their prayers to prayers said around the world and by Christians in more than 2000 communities across Canada.

The 2013 host country for the World Day of Prayer was France and the theme of this year's service was centered around supporting and encouraging newcomers to the country – "I was a stranger and you welcomed me."

Hymns and prayers during the service focused on the theme and several women from the five participating congregations took on the roles of women living in France with different backgrounds, ranging from those born and raised there to new immigrants to the country. They spoke of their lives, the challenges they face and the scripture that reminds everyone of God's inclusiveness.

"These women symbolically represent the diversity of the backgrounds of women in France," Kvill said, indicating that each of the women wore a different coloured scarf denoting her role. The woman with the grey scarf stands out from all the rest as she is the stranger.

"Our experiences of being a stranger and then being welcomed empower us to build connections and create community where all are welcomed," Donna Chamberland said in her role as the woman in gray.

"Indeed the Lord has taught us from the beginning scripture that we are all important to him," Rev. Lorraine Lambert said in message to those gathered.

Father Andrew Schoenberger did the offertory prayer saying, "We pray for people everywhere that their human dignity will be respected."

Grade 9 student Liam Krys was a special youth presenter at the service. He shared his experiences of recently having travelled to France on an exchange trip.

"I adapted and managed to fit in with their way of life," he said of the French family he stayed with.

"Let us take our prayers for courage, compassion and justice out into the world, to live as Christ taught us, to see the holy in each other and be strangers no longer," Kvill said in concluding the service.

Participating churches were: St. Vladymir's Ukrainian Orthodox Church, St. Michael's Roman Catholic Church, Elk Point Community Church, Ukrainian Catholic Church and Elk Point United Church.

Above, ladies of the Catholic and Orthodox congregations participate in the World Day of Prayer service Sunday at the United Church.
Right: Diane Cole, Virginia Smereka, Patsy Zarowny and Donna Chamberland tie ribbons together as a symbol of unity during the service.

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OBITUARY

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May 7, 1932-Feb. 13, 2013

Steve Lemecha passed away peacefully at his home in Calgary on February 13, 2013 at the age of 80 years. Steve was born in Elk Point, AB. and grew up on a farm northeast of Lindbergh. He then moved to Calgary where he married and lived until his passing on February 13, 2013.

Steve is survived by two daughters, Judy (Dan) Lemecha and Kathy (Jeff) Brown, as well as stepchildren James (Heather) Lewis, Wayne (Barb) Lewis, Reno (Shirley) Lewis, Gail (Al) Robertson, and many grandchildren.

Steve is survived by two sisters Mildred Dunham and Elsie (Clarence) Tilley as well as many nieces and nephews.

Steve was predeceased by his wife Marie and his son Allan both in 2009. Two sisters Florence Lemecha in 1984, Emily (MacDonald) and her husband Milton both in 2010. Brother Larry in 2005. Brother-in-law Harvey Dunham in 1998. Parents Fred and Lena Lemecha both in 1973.

A Funeral Service was held in Calgary at Fosters Garden Chapel on Friday, February 22, 2013 at 2:00 p.m. Interment followed at Queen's Park Cemetery in Calgary.

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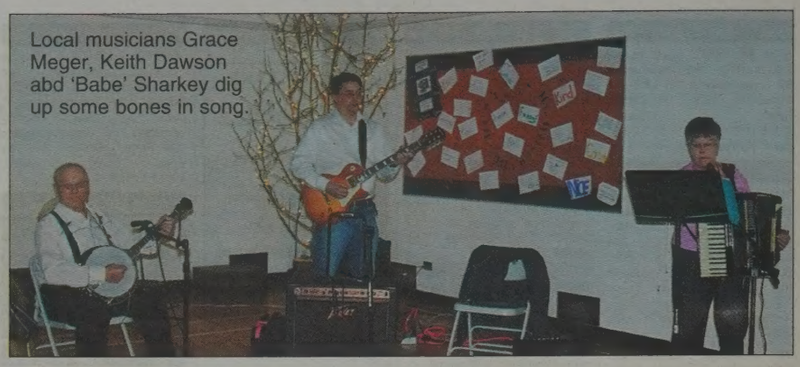

Local musicians Grace Meger, Keith Dawson abd 'Babe' Sharkey dig up some bones in song.

'Mr. Wiiiilson' roasted, toasted

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In that capacity, he frequently visited F. G. Miller High School when Wilson was principal there, and marveled at the quotes from Socrates that Wilson posted daily on a sandwich board inside the doorway, joking to Younghans that he and the ancient philosopher had been schoolmates.

George Sanders recalled Wilson as a Heinsburg student "in Grade 9 when Lloyd Jenner and I were in Grade 1. He was the friendly giant, with super-long strides, and I was sure he was running on stilts. Maybe he still is." By the time Sanders was in Grade 6, "he was my teacher. We were as scared of him as he was of us."

Retired teacher Mike O'Neill was unable to attend the roast, but sent a message: "When I grow up, I want to be like Mr. Wilson."

Wilson's successor as Heinsburg's principal and now the principal at Elk Point Elementary School, Lorne Young has known him for 33 years, "since he and (school board trustee) Bob Smith interviewed me for a special ed teacher. The questions they asked were, 'Do you curl?' 'Do you want to join the community club?' 'How about flooding the skating rink?' It was at least as important to work in the community as in the school."

Helping local farmers "was a big part of Laverne's life, He was always involved in doing things for people," Young said, noting that sometimes this got him into misadventures, such as riding along to Edmonton to deliver a load of livestock "and ending up in Vancouver." Wilson "has retired twice for sure, got fired once, and has subbed for 20 years, but never in my school. He says it's too serious." While Young seems to be following in Wilson's footsteps, he vows "never to be a principal at age 70 and never to raise a second family. But I'm truly honored when people make a parallel between us."

Wilson then had his turn at the microphone, thanking guests, organizers and volunteers "for making this such a success for the school" where he had spent 36 years. Born in Canrose, he and his family moved to Elk Point and Mallaig before coming to Heinsburg. When he was in Grade 10, the lack of a teacher for the high school grades sent him to board in Ashmont, and to attended school there for most of his senior high days. After he graduated, "I wanted to be a truck driver for Buck's Construction but Mr. Buck told me, 'No way. You go to school.'" With a $200 grant, he attended college for one year, "all I could afford," and took the only opening available, teaching Grade 6 in Heinsburg. The next year, the principal and his wife, who had taught Grades 7 to 9, left, and he was moved up to the junior high department.

"I went into that with only one year's experience, and I worked really hard, because the Grade 9s had to pass their departmentals." Then, Wilson said, "I married Babe's sister and I've been here forever," soon becoming the father of two. Wilson was widowed, and later married Doris, a pharmacist, and with his older children grown, started a second family with the birth of their daughter Leanne.

Wilson reminisced about Heinsburg becoming a community school. "You could get extra money for community schools. We did get our charter, but we didn't get any funding."

Heinsburg Community School is still dear to Wilson's heart, and "I still sub here once in a while, but I don't always follow the lesson plans."

Following the draw for the Class of 2013's quilt raffle, won by Lyn Young, the audience was invited to add their comments.

Melvin Abraham spoke on behalf of Frog Lake First Nation, but also thanked Wilson personally for being more than a teacher, a lifelong friend." When Abraham was reluctant to come to school in Grade 3, Wilson "found out where I lived and made special trips to come and get me. I wanted to be a police officer, a politician and a business man, and I achieved all three because I had teachers who told us to believe in ourselves every day."

Sherry Shultz spent 17 years in Heinsburg, "and was honoured to work shoulder to shoulder with Laverne, who held his fellow workers in greatest regard. This was an inclusive community with everyone equal, and an experience I will treasure forever.

In his closing remarks, Principal MacDonald, who shared the MC duties with assistant principal Troy Runzer and community booster Evan Findlay, said he works "in a big shadow from a big man, a very pleasant shadow."

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